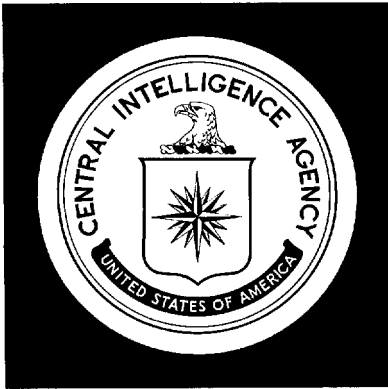


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LEBANON-ISRAEL-UN: Beirut intends to seek UN Security Council action in an attempt to avert further Israeli attacks.

In discussions with the US ambassador, Lebanese officials complain that Israel has changed the terms of its demands for Lebanese restraints on fedayeen activity. They assert that Israel on 14 January insisted that Beirut stop cross-border firing, and then declared on 24 February that Lebanon would be held responsible for fedayeen infiltrators. They say the latest Israeli demands include the complete removal of fedayeen from the border and the stopping of "all fedayeen activity," requirements that are not only sweeping and vague but clearly beyond the capability of the Lebanese Government.

Senior Lebanese officials continue to believe that Israel wants to annex southern Lebanon and is seeking to prepare international opinion by repeated raids into the area. The Israelis in the past have threatened "permanent occupation" and neutralization of the southern Lebanese border area.

Beirut believes the situation along the border can only be stabilized by UN action. The Lebanese foreign minister is seeking the support of France, the Soviet Union, the UK, the US, and China for renewed debate in the UN Security Council and perhaps a condemnation of Israel. The Lebanese Government also wants the UN to increase the number of its observers along the border. If Israel will not permit the observers on its side of the border, Beirut would be willing to have them only on the Lebanese side.

The situation in the Arqub, meanwhile, remains tense. Tel Aviv has warned Lebanon not to obstruct the access roads that Israeli forces recently built to connect Lebanese roads with those in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Beirut in turn intends to demand the removal of Israeli observation posts still located more than two miles within Lebanese territory. Both sides say they are prepared to back up these demands with force.

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